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B2. Common Name: Foundations
B3. Original Use: Building support
B4. Present Use: None
*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified
*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructures is unidentified.

*B7. Moved? □ No □ Yes □ Unknown  Date: N/A  Original Location: N/A
*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-2 and 4-23

*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training  Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944  Property Type: Army Airfield  Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #3 consists of four square, concrete foundation piers with a short metal stud protruding from the top of each. Each pier measures 60 cm by 60 cm. The four piers are positioned at the corners of a square area measuring 6.5 m by 6.5 m. A large metal pipe protrudes from the ground in the center of the 6.5-m-by-6.5 m foundation area. On the south side of the pier-outlined foundation area is a small, square foundation outlined with horizontal, thick wooden boards and with a square wooden post in each corner. The wooden foundation measures 2.5 m by 1.5 m. The ground level inside the wooden foundation is lower than the adjacent ground level. The area of the foundations is scattered with clear and blue glass.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP1, HP34, AH2, AH4


B13. Remarks:
The location of the small, wooden foundation adjacent to the larger, concrete pier foundation suggests the possibility of a filled-in latrine and barracks.


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B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Concrete pad
B3. Original Use: Building/structure floor?
B4. Present Use: None

*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified
*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

*B7. Moved? □ No □ Yes □ Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A
*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-3 and 5-23.

*Appendix: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944 Property Type: Army Airfield
Applicable Criteria: C and D
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Feature #4 is a concrete pad measuring 25.5 m by 6.5 m. A wooden utility pole lies on the pad along the south side and a concrete rubble pile is located just off the east end of the pad. There is no other refuse on or around the pad.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP4?, HP34, AH2


B13. Remarks:
The pad probably served as the floor of a light-weight building/structure such as a shed, garage, or hangar.

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Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #4

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B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Concrete slab.
B3. Original Use: Building/structure floor
B4. Present Use: None
*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified
*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

*B7. Moved? □ No □ Yes □ Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A
*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-4 and 6-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified
B9b. Builder: U.S. Army
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944 Property Type: Army Airfield Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #5 is a concrete pad measuring 22 m by 6 m and with short metal studs in the concrete around the edges. A concrete walkway from the pad is located at the middle of the east side. The walkway measures 80 cm wide and 8 m in length. A 60 cm by 2 m doorstep is located on the west side near the north end. A upright wooden utility wood pole with an attached circuit box is located on the west side near the south end. There is no other refuse on or around the pad.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2


B13. Remarks:
The walkway and doorstep, indicating a front and back door, and the adjacent pole and circuit box, indicating electrical hookup, suggest a barracks or office building.

*B15. Date of Evaluation: 9/10/2008

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**B1.** Historic Name: Unidentified  
**B2.** Common Name: Concrete pad  
**B3.** Original Use: Building/structure floor  
**B4.** Present Use: None  
**B5.** Architectural Style: Unidentified  
**B6.** Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.  
**B7.** Moved? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A  
**B8.** Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-5 and 7-23.  

**B9a.** Architect: Unidentified  
**B9b.** Builder: U.S. Army  
**B10.** Significance Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training  
**B11.** Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center  
**B12.** Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944  
**B13.** Property Type: Army Airfield  
**B14.** Applicable Criteria: C and D:  
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)  

Feature #6 is a H-shaped concrete pad with outside dimensions measuring 23.2 m by 18.9 m. The larger portions measure 23.2 m by 6.3 m, the connecting portion measures 6.3 m by 2.6 m. Small protruding portions on the north and south sides each measure 3.9 by 3.9 m. Short metal studs protrude from the concrete pad along most sides of the pad (see sketch map). There is no refuse on or around the pad.  

**B11.** Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2  


**B13.** Remarks:  
The probable function of the superstructure is undetermined.  

**B14.** Evaluator: E. Yarbrough and M. Wetherbee  
**B15.** Date of Evaluation: 9/10/2008  

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*Required Information*
B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Concrete pad

B3. Original Use: Field showers

B4. Present Use: None

B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alternations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is undetermined.

B7. Moved? ☑No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-6 and 8-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D:

(Professional interpretation in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #7 is a concrete pad measuring 6.7 m by 5.1 m. Short metal studs protruding from the concrete outline the demolished exterior and interior walls/partitions. The northeast and southeast rooms measure 4.0 m by 2.8 m. A 2.3-m-long partition, partially enclosing a 2.6 m by 2.3 m space in the southwest corner, extends from the west wall of the largest, 5.1 m by 3.9 m room. 1-m-wide gaps in the exterior walls, on the north and east sides, suggest doors in the largest room and the northeast room. The southeast room may have been entered over a low, interior partition. The northeast room includes a floor drain, hot and cold water pipe hookups, and an exhaust pipe. The partitioned space in southwest corner includes two floor drains, and a larger floor drain is located near the center of the largest room. A 2.3-m-diameter concrete disk with a large center hole, 2.1 m outside of the south side of the pad, suggests the top of a septic or other tank. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, H39, AH2


B13. Remarks:

The configuration of the floor plan, and the drains and water hookups, suggest a field showers building. The possible septic tank suggests a field latrine.


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DPR 523B (J/95)

*Required information
B1. Historic Name: Unidentified

B2. Common Name: Foundation

B3. Original Use: Possible kitchen or laundry

B4. Present Use: None

B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

B7. Moved? No

B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-7 and 9-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified

B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Afield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

A concrete foundation made up of three distinct sections. The raised, southeast section, measuring 12.3 m by 3.2 m, is topped with a concrete slab. The southeast section, measuring 3.7 m by 3.2 m, has low foundation walls on a pad. The section on the north side, measuring 11.3 m by 3.3 m, is pad with a surface lower than that of the raised portion and higher than that of the walled portion. The raised portion includes a floor drain and six water pipe hookups. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, IIP39, AH2


B13. Remarks:

The raised portion with a floor drain and several water pipe hookups, and with two adjacent, ancillary portions, suggest the possibility that the building served as a kitchen or laundry.


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See continuation sheet (page 23 of 48).
B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Foundation
B3. Original Use: Unidentified
B4. Present Use: None
B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified
B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.
B7. Moved? □No □Yes □Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: NA
B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-8 and 10-23
B9a. Architect: Unidentified
b. Builder: U.S. Army
B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944 Property Type: Army Airfield Applicable Criteria: C and D (Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #9 is a concrete foundation made up of two distinct portion. Both portions, measuring 36.8 m by 7.6 m and 5.6 m by 3.8 m, are concrete pads with low exterior foundation walls. Short metal studs protrude from the tops of the foundation walls. The smaller abuts the north side of the larger portion on the east end. A 1.5-m-wide gap in the east wall of the smaller portion, and one 1-m-wide and two 1.7 m wide gaps in the east wall of the larger portion indicate the locations of entrances. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2

B13. Remarks:
The probable function of the superstructure is undetermined.

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DPR 523B (1/95)
B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Unidentified
B3. Original Use: Concrete pad
B4. Present Use: None

*B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure is unidentified.

*B7. Moved? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-9 and 11-23.

B9a. Architect: Unidentified
b. Builder: U.S. Army

*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944 Property Type: Army Airfield Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #10 is a rectangular, concrete pad measuring 30.7 m by 6.2 m. Short metal studs protrude from the concrete along all four sides of the pad. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2


B13. Remarks:
The probable function of the superstructure is undetermined.


*Date of Evaluation: 9/10/2008
B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Concrete pad
B3. Original Use: Unidentified
B4. Present Use: None
B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified
B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The date of demolition of the superstructure, if any, is unidentified.
B7. Moved? □No □Yes □Unknown Date: N/A
B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-10 and 12-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified
b. Builder: U.S. Army
B10. Significance Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training
Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944
Property Type: Army Airfield
Applicable Criteria: C and D

Feature 11 is a rectangular, 30.7 m by 6.2 m concrete pad. Two tracks of metal rails run parallel along the full length of the pad. Long, sub-rectangular concrete blocks, some with metal center poles, are scattered along the east and west sides of the pad. The concrete blocks were formed in the holes in the ground, once held their poles vertical, and have been unearthed. Gravel is spread on the pad and tracks. There is no refuse on or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH2


B13. Remarks:
The unearthed blocks with poles suggest that the pad was once covered by a ramada or other superstructure. The tracks suggest that the pad was used to house, maintain or repair track-using vehicles or equipment.

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See continuation sheet (page 29 of 48).
B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Cistern
B3. Original Use: Water storage
B4. Present Use: None
B5. Architectural Style: N/A
B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944, Unaltered
B7. Moved? □ No □ Yes Unknown Date: Original Location: Yes
B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-11 and 13-23

B9a. Architect: N/A
b. Builder: U.S. Army
B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training
Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944
Property Type: Army Airfield
Applicable Criteria: C and D

Feature #12 is a cistern lid and entry. The circular lid is concrete with a metal handle and is inscribed:

ADAMS BROS
CONCRETE TANKS
LOS ANGELES

The collar of the circular entry is concrete with an inner metal rim. The interior of the entry is mortared, red fired brick with metal ladder rungs. The entry and presumably the tank below are filled with sand. There is no refuse on, in or around the feature.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, AHS


B13. Remarks:

There are no buildings, structures or other objects in the immediate vicinity.


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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Desert Center Army Air Field Feature #13

B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Tank
B3. Original Use: Probably water storage
B4. Present Use: None
*B5. Architectural Style: N/A
*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. The tank was probably moved, and was refitted for agricultural irrigation purposes with a spigot and pipe, some time after the air field was decommissioned in 1944, but the date is unidentified.

*B7. Moved? ☐ No  ☑ Yes  ☐ Unknown Date: Unidentified Original Location: No
*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-12 and 14-23

*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944 Property Type: Army Airfield Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #13 is a cylindrical tank (11.2 m long and 3.2 m in diameter), probably used for water storage 1942-1944. It is made of riveted steel plates and has an orifice for filling on top. The tank rests on a cradle of four concrete blocks. It was probably moved, and was refitted for agricultural irrigation purposes with a spigot and PVC pipe, some time after the air field was decommissioned in 1944, but the date is unidentified. The tank is rusty and the area is strewn with modern trash.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH5, AH6


B13. Remarks:

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B1. Historic Name: Unidentified  
B2. Common Name: Beacon light tower  
B3. Original Use: Air field signal  
B4. Present Use: None  
B5. Architectural Style: N/A  
B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.  
B7. Moved? ☐No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A  
B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-13 and 15-23  

B9a. Architect: N/A  
B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training  
Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center  
Period of Significance: 1942-1944  
Property Type: Army Airfield  
Applicable Criteria: Cand D  
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)  

Feature #14 is a still beacon light tower, painted orange and white, with a steel ladder on one side and a beacon light fixture on top. The tower measures 4.4 m by 4.4 m at the base and is an estimated 30 m in height.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH15


B13. Remarks:

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B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Cul-de-sac
B3. Original Use: Vehicle driving and parking
B4. Present Use: None
B5. Architectural Style: N/A
B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.
B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A
B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-14 and 16-23

B9a. Architect: N/A  
B9b. Builder: U.S. Army
B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training  
Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944  
Property Type: Army Airfield
Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #15 was not visible on the ground, but it is visible on a recent aerial photograph. It is an unpaved cul-de-sac with a 10-15-m-wide street and a roughly 25 m diameter, tear-drop-shaped terminal turn-around area.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH7


B13. Remarks:


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Feature #16 is an aircraft ramp adjacent to the west side of a taxiway (Feature 18). The ramp and taxiway continue in use. Oriented north-northeast-south-southwest, it measures about 250 m long and 45 m wide. The ramp is built of numerous large, square concrete pads. "DESERT CENTER" is painted on the ramp in large, capital letters. Air field ramps are used to park and maintain aircraft.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP11; HP34; AH16


B13. Remarks:


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B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Concrete pad
B3. Original Use: Unidentified
B4. Present Use: None
B5. Architectural Style: Unidentified
B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.
B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A
B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-16 and 18-23

B9a. Architect: Unidentified
b. Builder: U.S. Army
B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training
Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944
Property Type: Army Airfield
Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #17 is a large concrete pad. Oriented north-northeast-south-southwest, it measures about 100 m long and 35 m wide. Similar to the ramp (Feature #16) it is built of numerous large, square concrete pads, but there is a 25-30-m-wide gap between the east edge of Feature #17 and the west edge of the taxiway (Feature #18).

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP11, HP34, AH2


B13. Remarks:


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B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Airfield taxiway
B3. Original Use: Aircraft taxiing
B4. Present Use: Aircraft taxiing
B5. Architectural Style: N/A
B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Modern re-surfacing, possibly more than once, but the date(s) of re-surfacing are unidentified.
B7. Moved? ☐ No ☑ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A  Original Location: N/A
B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-17 and 19-23

B9a. Architect: N/A
B9b. Builder: U.S. Army
B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: 1942-1944 Property Type: Army Airfield Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #18 is the primary taxiway of the airfield. The southern half of the taxiway continues in use. It is 10-15 m wide runs about 1800 m from north-northeast to south-southwest with a dogleg turn at each end. The short southwest-northeast and northwest-southeast segments at the ends run about 170 m and each connects with a runway. The primary airfield ram, Feature #16 is at the mid-point of the taxiway on the west side. The in-use southern half is paved with asphalt. The abandoned north half is unpaved.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH16


B13. Remarks:

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*Required information
B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Taxiway
B3. Original Use: Aircraft taxiing
B4. Present Use: None
*B5. Architectural Style: N/A
*B7. Moved? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A
*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-18 and 20-23.

B9a. Architect: N/A
B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944 Property Type: Army Airfield Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #19 is an aircraft taxiway with the main alignment parallel to one of the two runways at the airfield and with 90 degree turns and short segments at each end which connect to the northwest-southeast runway (Feature #21). It measures about 10-15 m wide, the main segment is about 1500 m long, and the lateral segments are each about 200 m long. The asphalt surface is highly deteriorated. If this taxiway included secondary, lateral taxiways with terminal ramps like Feature #20, they are no longer visible on the ground or a recent aerial photograph.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH16


B13. Remarks:

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B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Taxiways and ramps
B3. Original Use: Aircraft taxiing, parking and maintenance
B4. Present Use: None
*B5. Architectural Style: N/A
*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.
*B7. Moved? ☐No ☐Yes ☐Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A
*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-19 and 21-23

B9a. Architect: N/A
b. Builder: U.S. Army
*B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944 Property Type: Army Airfield
Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #20 is a system of taxiways and ramps on the south side off and connected to the northeast-southwest runway (Feature #22). The main taxiway is similar to the taxiway (Feature #19) connected to the northeast-southwest runway (Feature #21). The main taxiway is 10-15 m wide, has a 1500-m-long alignment parallel to the runway, and has 90 degree turns and 200-m-long segments at each end which connect to the northeast-southwest runway (Feature #22). Connected to the main taxiway on the south side are 12 lateral taxiways of various lengths (60-320 m), seven of which have short branch taxiways (see sketch map, page 6 of 48). The terminus of each lateral and branch taxiway probably served as a ramp (i.e. parking and maintenance place) for one aircraft (such irregularly spaced ramps were designed to reduce the number of aircraft destroyed by systematic bombing). The asphalt surfaces of the taxiways and ramps are highly deteriorated.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, HP39, AH16


B13. Remarks:

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)
See sketch map, page 6 of 48.

*Required information

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B3. Original Use: Aircraft takeoffs and landings
B4. Present Use: None

*B5. Architectural Style: N/A

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.

*B7. Moved? ☐ No ☑ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: N/A Original Location: N/A

*B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-20 and 22-23

B9a. Architect: N/A

b. Builder: U.S. Army

* B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training

Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center

Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944

Property Type: Army Airfield

Applicable Criteria: C and D

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #21 is on of two runways at the airfield. Oriented northwest-southeast, it is 2000 m long and 125 m wide. On the west side near the north end, it connects to the main taxiway (Feature #18) to the principal ramp (Feature #16). On the east side near each end it connects to a secondary taxiway (Feature #19). The south end connects with the east end of the other runway at the airfield (Feature #22). The asphalt surface is highly deteriorated.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP11, HP34, AH16


B13. Remarks:


*Date of Evaluation: 9/10/2008

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B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP11, HP34, AH16


B13. Remarks:


B15. Date of Evaluation: 9/10/2008

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*Required Information

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B1. Historic Name: Unidentified
B2. Common Name: Airfield access road
B3. Original Use: Vehicular access to the airfield
B4. Present Use: Vehicular access to the airport
B5. Architectural Style: N/A
B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations) 1942-1944. Unaltered.
B7. Moved? □ No □ Yes □ Unknown Date: N/A
B8. Related Features: Desert Center Army Air Field features 1-22

B9a. Architect: N/A
B9b. Builder: U.S. Army
B10. Significance: Theme: U.S. Army desert warfare training
Area: U.S. Army Desert Training Center
Period of Significance: World War II, 1942-1944
Property Type: Army Airfield
Applicable Criteria: C and D
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Feature #23 is a 1500-m-long, unpaved access road from Rice Road (Highway 177) to the airfield. It runs 700 m northwest-southeast from Rice Road, makes a dogleg turn, and runs 800 m west-northwest to east southeast where it connects with the primary ramp (Feature #16). The road splits 350 m from the ramp, the two branches enclose an oval area, and the two branches re-join 210 m from the ramp where it intersects with a cul-de-sac (Feature #15). The oval area contains two former buildings (features #6 and #7). The road continues in use as an access road to Desert Center Airport.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP34, AH7

B13. Remarks:

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**Film Type and Speed:** 4.0 mega-pixels  
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DPR 5231 (195)
IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Desert Center Airport
2. Historic name: Desert Center Army Air Base
3. Street or rural address: NW corner sec. 8 T5S R16E
   City Desert Center Zip 92239 County Riverside
   M/T Clerk of the Board
5. Present Owner: County of Riverside Address: Riverside
   City Riverside Zip 92501 Ownership is: Public X Private
6. Present Use: Airfield Original use: Army base and airfield

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style:
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition: With all of the buildings at the Desert Training Center having been either destroyed or moved to Desert Center, what remains are the concrete slabs of these buildings and the airfield which is still in use.

The concrete slabs include that of the link trainer building, T-shaped; the headquarters building, H-shaped; the flagpole stump and cement foundation, a square yard; the officers' showers and washroom, square; and a circular cement cistern near the showers and washroom slab.

The two landing strips are each about a mile-and-a-quarter long, about twenty yards wide, and, with taxi ways from the central parking area, form a triangle; one runway running from NW to SE and the other from SW to NE.

Construction date:
Estimated _______ Factual 1947

Architect

Builder United States Army

1. Approx. property size (in feet): Depth
   Frontage or approx. acreage 424.44 acres
2. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
   March 27, 1982
   8-110-11-11, 18-110-12-12, 8-110-13-13, 18-110-14-14, 8-110-15-15
13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___ Destroyed, moved ___
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___ Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: Open space ___
16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___ Public Works project ___ Other: Deterioration ___
17. Is the structure: On its original site? ___ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: Link trainer & other buildings now at Desert Center ___

SIGNIFICANCE
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This airfield was part of the Desert Training Center, more than 55,000 square miles of training area extending into Arizona and Nevada. The United States Army trained more than a million men for combat-readiness in World War II from 1942 to 1944. General George S. Patton, Jr., was the first commander. The program and area were expanded under General Walton H. Walker. Many of the buildings formerly at this air base are now used in Desert Center.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
   Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___
   Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
   Government ___ Military ___ X
   Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

   County historical records ___

22. Date form prepared ___ July 26, 1982 ___
   By (name) ___ Jim Warner ___
   Organization ___ RIV. Co. Historical Comm. ___
   Address ___ 4600 Crestmore Rd. ___
   City ___ Rubidoux ___ Zip 92519 ___
   Phone ___ (714) 787-2551 ___

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):
Ser #33-2239-4
NW Corner Sec 8 T5S R16E
Desert Center 92239
Eagle Mountain does not appear to meet the criteria for the NRHP or CRHR due to lack of integrity. Eagle Mountain was previously recorded in 1982 by the Riverside County Historical Community. An attempt to revisit the property was made on July 10, 2013. The majority of the property has been abandoned, and is currently fenced. There was no access to the site, although a few peripheral buildings were observed from outside the fence. Apparently, there is one residence inhabited, and the Eagle Mountain school is still in limited use. Based on the field observation and aerial mapping, the buildings and structures within the complex appear in an advanced state of deterioration.

In 1947, Henry J. Kaiser was building a portion of the Colorado River Aqueduct in the vicinity of Desert Center and established the Eagle Mountain Iron Ore Mine located 11 miles north from Desert Center. The mine included a company town that featured 10 dormitories, two bath houses, a mess hall, staff buildings, a dozen two-to-three bedroom residences as well as a post office and school for the employees and their families. The mine, which began operation in September 1948, was one of the largest iron mining operations in the world. The location of the mine near Desert Center proved beneficial to the desert enclave, as during the years of the mine's existence, Desert Center saw the establishment of the Desert Center Unified School District; the growth of the Desert Center Community Church; and the arrival of commercial electricity. By 1950, nearly half a million people lived in the greater Desert Center area and the settlement continued to serve travelers for many years (The Desert Magazine 1948, 1950; Chamber of Commerce 2010).

Because of its widespread importance in industry, commerce, and community development, Eagle Mountain made a significant contribution to the history of the region. The complex meets NRHP Criterion A and CRHR Criterion 1. Although founded by Henry J. Kaiser, an important historical figure, the association is not specific enough to qualify under NRHP Criterion B or CRHR Criterion 2. As a mining town complex, the property is a unique type, but the architecture and type of construction of the buildings observed does not appear unique in the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. Because of restricted access, it is not possible to complete an evaluation under NRHP Criterion C or CRHR Criterion 3. However, from the peripheral observation of the site and knowledge of vandalism and abandonment, the property does not appear to retain sufficient integrity of feeling to convey its significance as a mining company town and community. Despite its widespread importance in regional history, based on lack of integrity, the property does not appear eligible for listing in the NRHP or CRHR.

Evaluator: M.K. Meiser, AECOM

Date: August 9, 2013

References:
1963 USGS Chuckwalla Mountains Topographic Map
Desert Center Chamber of Commerce 2010
The Desert Magazine
1950. November, Volume 14: 1

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2013 Class II and III Cultural Resources Survey Report for the Palen Solar Electric Generating System Riverside County, California.
IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Eagle Mountain
2. Historic name: None
3. Street or rural address: Kaiser Steel Office
City Eagle Mountain Zip 92241 County Riverside
4. Parcel number: 807-030-004-4
5. Present Owner: Kaiser Steel Corp. Address: 300 Lakeside Dr.
City Oakland Zip 94666 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Iron ore mine Original use: Gold mine

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style:
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
An iron ore mine with offices, mining equipment, railroad yard, residential community, stores, school, and playground.

Construction date:
Estimated Factual 1881

Architect

Builder

Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage Depth
or approx. acreage 56.92 acres

Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
March 27, 1982
18-110-01-01

DPR 523 (Rev. 4/79)
13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence

14. Alterations: None

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary). Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___ Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___

16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___ Public Works project ___ Other: Abandonment ___

17. Is the structure: On its original site? ___ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features: None

SIGNIFICANCE
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

From historical marker: "The Iron Chief, Black Eagle and other mines produced gold at Eagle Mountain between 1881 and 1900 from ores containing as much as 54 per cent iron. L. S. Barnes secured options and sold the mines to Southern Pacific Railroad in 1909. Kaiser Steel Company bought them in 1944, built a feeder railroad, and began shipping Eagle Mountain iron ore to its Fontana plant in 1948." Today, 1982, Eagle Mountain is the last development of the area in mining and represents a "company town". The playground in the community was made by the miners out of old mining equipment.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
   Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___
   Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
   Government ___ Military ___
   Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
   County historical records.

22. Date form prepared: July 26, 1982
   By (name): Heather Metcalfe
   Organization: Rl Co. Historical Comm.
   Address: 4600 Crestmore Rd.
   City: Rubidoux Zip: 92519
   Phone: (714) 787-2551

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):